The Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award was created in 1964 by the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council, which disbanded in 1976. Since that time, the award has been presented by the Quad Cities Peace and Justice Coalition and the Social Action Department of the Diocese of Davenport. The award honors Pope John XXIII and commemorates his 1963 encyclical letter, Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth), which called all persons of good will to end the arms race and to secure peace among nations.

Previous recipients:
1983 Dr. Helen M. Caldicott
1982 George F. Kennan
1980 Crystal Lee Sutton
   Bishop Ernest L. Unterkofler
1979 Bishop Thomas Gumbleton
1976 Mother Teresa of Calcutta
1975 Archbishop Helder Camara
1974 Senator Harold Hughes
1972 Dorothy Day
1970 Reverend Jesse Jackson
1969 Saul David Alinsky
1968 Father James Groppi
1967 A. Philip Randolph
1966 R. Sargent Shriver
1965 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
1964 John F. Kennedy (posthumously)
   John Howard Griffin

"Nuclear war threatens the existence of our planet; this is a more menacing threat than any the world has known. It is neither tolerable nor necessary that human beings live under this threat. But removing it will require a major effort of intelligence, courage and faith."

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PROGRAM

Music..................................................Mount Olive Angelic Choir
Helen Frison, Director

Opening Remarks.....................................Fr. John T. Real
Master of Ceremonies

Welcome.............................................Dr. William J. Bakrow
President, St. Ambrose College

Invocation...........................................Reverend Allan Negstad
Zion Lutheran Church
Bread for the World

Introduction of Cardinal Bernardin..............Fr. Albert V. Manternach
St. Patrick Church
Waukon, Iowa

Presentation of Award.......................Most Reverend Gerald O'Keefe, D.D.
Bishop
Diocese of Davenport

Response...............................................Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Blessing..............................................Reverend Marian Pete McCart
Pastor
Viola United Presbyterian Church
Viola, Illinois

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Refreshments.........................................Cafeteria
FINAL SONG

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW

PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS

PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST